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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraphs ⁰⁰²¹ [0026] and ⁰⁰²² [0027] with the following amended paragraphs:

⁰⁰²¹ [0026] A rear handle housing part (2) is fitted to the rear of the motor housing (3) so that a peripheral rim at the forward edge of the rear handle housing (2) abuts a peripheral rim (26) at the rearward edge of the motor housing (3) (See Figure 2). The rear handle housing has a portion (not shown) which abuts the boss (24) in order to secure the annular portion (18) of the linkage (16) pivotally around the boss (24). The rear handle housing (2) has a recess (30) in the forward edge of its upper portion which mates with the rearward edge ~~(15)~~ rim (26a) of the upper portion of the motor housing (3) to form a hole in the hammer housing through which the forward/reverse lever (14) extends. Thus, the forward/reverse lever (14) is located on an a rearward part of an upper face of the hammer housing in the normal operating position of the hammer. The upwardly extending arm (20) of the linkage (16) is formed with a through hole (20a) through which a screw boss (34) extends rearwardly from the motor housing (3). The screw boss (34) is engageable with the edges of the through hole (20a) in the arm (20) so as to limit the extent of the pivotal movement of the linkage (16). A screw which extends through the rear handle housing (2) is secured within the screw boss (34) so as to fix the rear handle housing (2) to the motor housing (3).

⁰⁰²² [0027] With the trigger (4) released, the forward/reverse lever (14) can be moved by a user to the desired forward or reverse position. This causes the linkage (16) to pivot about the boss (24) to cause the lower arm (22) to move the second actuator (10) to the desired forward or reverse position. The forward facing edge of the forward/reverse lever (14) may be formed with a small projection (13) which is selectively engageable, in a snap fit with one of a corresponding pair of recesses formed in the rearward facing ~~edge (15)~~ rim (26a) of the motor housing (3) adjacent the lever (14). The projection resiliently engages one of the recesses in a snap fit in the forward position of the lever (14) and the other of the recesses in the reverse position of the lever (14). When the lever (14) reaches its forward or reverse position,